

Emmaus Catholic Parish ~ Colac, Lakes to Coast
Apollo Bay, Birregurra, Colac, Coragulac, Lorne, Pirron Yallock.
We honour and respect the Gulidjan people of lakes and plains
and the Gadubanud people of mountains, coast and sea.

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Trinity College

Saints College

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

www.smcolac.catholic.edu.au

www.shcolac.catholic.edu.au

www.tcc.vic.edu.au

saintscollege.vic.edu.au/colac

www.sbcoragulac.catholic.edu.au



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24(25):4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Response.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Response

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Response

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

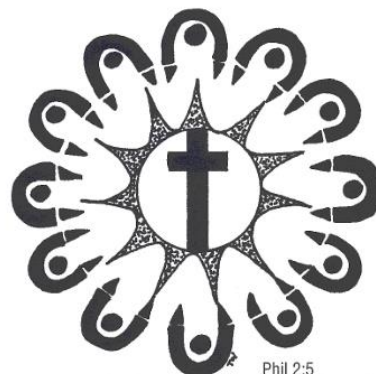
John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



**Be of the same mind
as Christ.**

Next Week's Readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Sunday Mass & Assembly Times

Colac	6pm Saturday Vigil Mass 11am Sunday Mass
Birregurra	2 nd Sunday only 9am Mass
Apollo Bay	11am Sunday Mass
Lorne	9am Sunday Mass
Pirron Yallock	1 st Sunday only 9am Mass
Coragulac	1 st Sunday 10.30am – Lay-led Assembly 2 nd & 3 rd Sunday 9.30am – Lay-led Assembly 4 th & 5 th Sunday 9am – Mass

Recent Deaths: Therese Engels, Sr Eileen Casey rsm,
Sr Maria Theresia Hiranabe sgs.

Anniversaries: Lorraine Mahoney, Bill Maslen, Francis
Lenehan, Les Lenehan, Tom Finn jnr, Herbie Golden,
Sr Kathleen Finnigan sgs, Mike Ebling, Mary Lenehan,
Louis Hickman, Jack McCarthy, John Nagle, Clifford Allatt, Barbara Richens, Ted Parker.

Coragulac & Pirron Yallock News

St Brendan's 4th October Lay-Led: at 10.30am

Communion Minister: J O'Dowd **Commentator:** L Darcy
Leaders: J Miller / V Roache

Reader: M McCarthy

St Joseph's -4th October Mass at 9.00am

Reader: J Sherman
Minister: J Sherman
Counters: 4-11 Oct: P O'Shea

News:

St Brendan's Primary School is open for enrolments. Please call and organise a tour 52331464.

St Brendan's Primary School REVEAL! Our renovations are almost done so we warmly invite you to come to walk through our school at our open day Sat. October 10th, 10-12.00 noon.

There will be opportunities that day for people to tour the Thomas Carr Campus (formerly the St Brendan's Good Samaritan Convent).

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who seek healing and wellness. May they feel valued and supported especially... Kerry Williams, Simon Hickman, Claire Ryan, Doreen Brumby, Nola McGuane, Peter Convery.

Happy holidays to St. Brendan's students, staff and families. We hope this holiday break gives everyone time to rest, recharge and enjoy special moments with family and friends. Stay safe, take care of one another and enjoy the well-deserved break.

Congratulations to Jill O'Dowd, Claire Foley, Find Your Light Choir, Lake Colac School community and Find Your Voice Collective for your unforgettable collaborative performance at COPAAC recently. Amazing!

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Leaving Collection at St. Brendan's Sunday 27th September.

Colac News

Piety Stall has Columban Calendars available. \$10.

Catholic Women League: Afternoon Tea at the Lakeview Café – Tuesday 29th September at 1.30pm.

Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal

Safe childbirth should not depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centres, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies. Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw

Colac this Week

Tuesday	29 th	5pm Mass
Barongarook Gardens		3pm Mass
Wednesday	30 th	10am Mass
Therese Engels' Funeral		1pm Mass
Thursday	1 st	10am Mass
Corangamarah		1.30pm Mass
Mercy Place		2.30pm Mass
Friday	2 nd	10am Mass

St Mary's Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am

Apollo Bay this Week

Tuesday	29 th	5.30pm
Wednesday	30 th	10am
Thursday	1 st	10am
Friday	2 nd	10am



Emmaus Parish News

Parish Website link and QR code: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/colac/>



Parish Banking Details:

Emmaus Presbytery Account 1st Collection BSB: 083585 Account: 810967715

Emmaus Parish Account 2nd Collection BSB: 083585 Account: 811051426 - Planned Giving Account

Retreat: Eating with Jesus

This Ignatian Retreat will invite participants to prayerfully experience selected Gospel meal stories where Jesus gathered with friends and strangers alike. Led by Spiritual Director Anna Schlooz, meals and materials are provided. BYO journal and bible. The retreat is funded by the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation - no cost for participants. For more information and to register, please email Anna: ecomyriad@gmail.com This retreat is being offered in eight centres around the diocese, including: **November 28 at Colac, 10am – 5pm. RSVP by November 23.**

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND- SEPTEMBER 2026

Collection for Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.
CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



presents the documentary film

humanKIND

a heart-led response to people forced to flee



how a country town welcomed a refugee family

Followed by a **Q&A** about the CRISP resettlement program which includes Jenani, one of Colac's own CRISP family

CRISP, Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Program



Jenani

**Sunday October 18th, 2pm Kanyana rooms
Cnr Hesse and Bromfield Streets Colac.**

Afternoon tea included

Greetings from Colac and District Rural Australians for Refugees (CADRAR). We are showing the documentary film HumanKIND followed by a Q&A with Jenani Irunga and afternoon tea.

We have also created a Facebook event you can respond to and/or share.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1JsPhKATMs/>

Event details

Date: Sunday October 18th

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Kanyana Rooms, 55 Hesse St Colac

Please spread the word.

On Refugee and Migration Sunday today, 27 September, the Church makes migrants a focus for our prayer and reflection. You are invited to join the Good Samaritan Refugee and Asylum Seekers Network at 2.30pm on a free ZOOM today to see the video "We Are Not Powerless" – a story of hope and achievement where no help seemed possible. <https://goodsams-org-au.zoom.us/j/83280173611>

Season of Creation:

During this Season of Creation, entitled "Living Water", let us be familiar with the waterways in our areas. We honour and respect the Gulidjan people of the lakes and plains as we remember the First Nation names of Corangamite Lake -*Koorrang Koorrang* meaning *bitter or salty*; Colac Lake -*Coram* meaning *sand or fresh water* and Barongarook Creek -*Borongarook* meaning *running water*. We honour and respect the Gadubanud people of mountains, coast and sea and the waterways on their country. Who can name the First Nation names of the waterways there?

